

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 217

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on the occasion of its 81st South Eastern Regional Conference in Memphis on March 14-17, 2013, and to welcome International President Carolyn House Stewart to Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize and specially distinguish those organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavor and whose history of service in pursuing those goals represents an outstanding example to all who are touched by that record; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding organization is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day, yet firmly rooted in its historic mission that members have proudly executed since the sorority's founding in 1908; and

WHEREAS, during the past one hundred years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has grown from a single undergraduate chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C. to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in over 950 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, annually, Alpha Kappa Alpha members gather for the South Eastern Regional Conference, the fourth largest regional body of the sorority with thirty-one chapters located within Tennessee, in order to enjoy fellowship and invigorate their spirits to carry on the charge of promoting the sorority's legacy of sisterhood and service; and

WHEREAS, this year's gathering will be held March 14-17 in Memphis and is expected to draw 2,500 sisters from Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi who will celebrate 105 years of global leadership through timeless service; and

WHEREAS, all conference attendees, especially the Tennessee sisters, are exceedingly pleased to welcome Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s, International President Carolyn House Stewart to the 2013 proceedings, and they are joyful to receive her inspiration and encouragement as she presides over the program; and

WHEREAS, at all times, but especially at the special time of its annual gathering, this legislative body is pleased to express its pleasure with the exemplary contributions, public policy service, scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement program activities that are carried out by the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby welcome International President Carolyn House Stewart and all Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., members to the great state of Tennessee for the 81st South Eastern Regional Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them enjoyable and successful proceedings for this event and continued success in all their organizational endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.